



PROF. Fadzil (centre) signing a book to symbolise the programme's launching. Abdur Rahman is at left.

UNIMAS' offer to benefit 100 rural students

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) aims to give the opportunity to 100 rural school leavers to study at the university.

Its Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman said that the move was part of the university's contribution to the rural community in the state.

"They have to be given the opportunity to experience campus life and further their studies for a brighter future. It is understood that many rural students did not know the path to take after they have completed their secondary school education," said Prof Fadzil

when officiating at the Kenyalang Inspiration Volunteer Programme held at the Students Affair Building at the university here yesterday.

According to Prof Fadzil, focus should be given to rural children by giving them the motivation and spirit to be successful in life and break from the shackle of poverty.

Under the volunteer programme, more than 80 UNIMAS students will visit several rural areas in the state to meet student in rural schools to deliver books to them and take part in some community activities.

"The programme which will start from 12 to 14 April will enable the UNIMAS students to experience school life in the rural

areas.

"Apart from that, a programme called 'Inspiration, Pray 4 Lahad Datu' will also be held to remember the sacrifices of our security forces who died in clashes with armed intruders from Sulu," he said.

Prof Fadzil also suggested a different way to assist the children and widows of our heroes apart from contributing assistance in the form of cash.

The assistance, said Prof Fadzil can be in the form of education assistance where the children are given free tuition and education.

Also present at the function yesterday was the Programme Director, Abdur Rahman Abdul Rahim.